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John Spencer  
Simplot Phosphates, LLC  
9401 North Highway 191  
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802

Subject: Approval of Tailings Impoundment Amendment, Vernal Phosphate Company, Simplot Mine, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining tentatively approves the updated amendment pertaining to the reclamation of the tailings impoundment for the Vernal Phosphate mine. Please submit two clean copies of the amendment for incorporation into the Notice of Intention (NOI). A stamped-approved copy will be returned for your records. Please also merge the reclamation cost estimate calculations for the tailings impoundment with the master calculations in Appendix M of the NOI. A separate summary sheet for the tailings impoundment is also requested. Please include all tailings-related information as part of the bond calculations in Appendix M of the NOI.

Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact April Abate at 801-538-5214 or Wayne Western (cost estimate questions) at 801-538-5263.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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